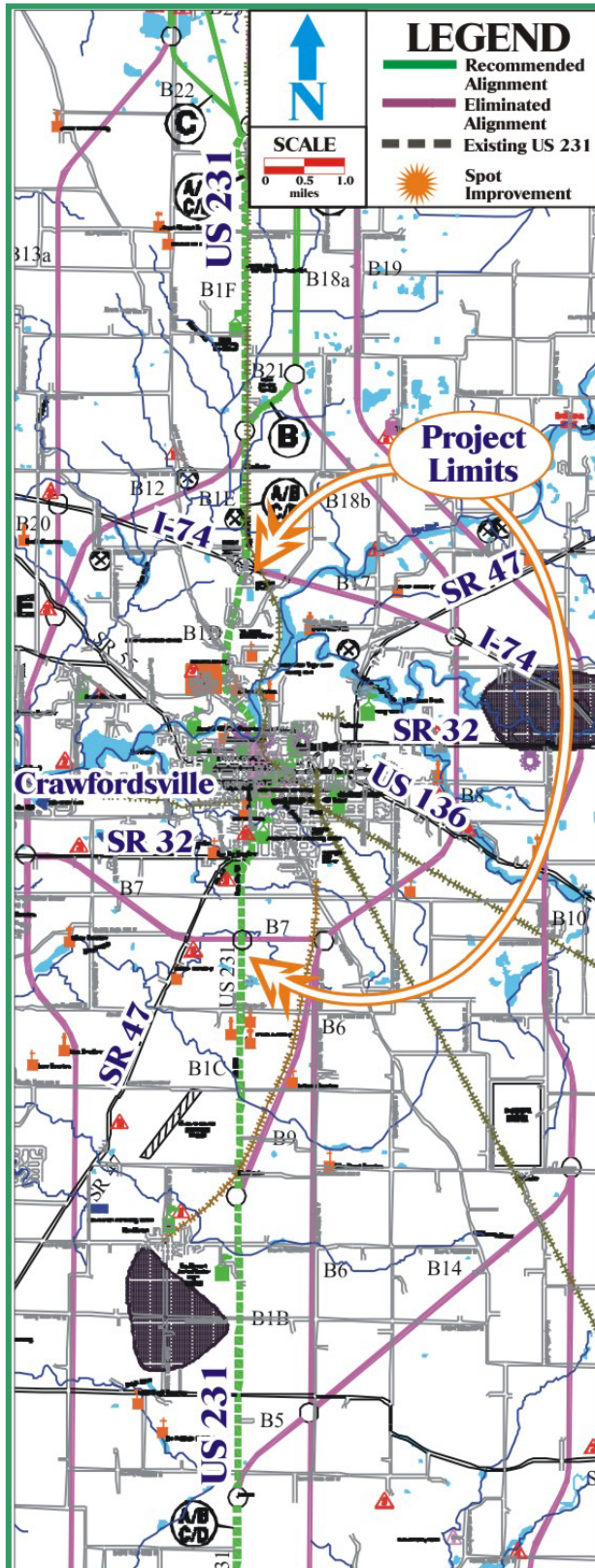


## **Programming Placeholder Project #9** **US 231 from 1.0 mile south of SR 32 to I-74**

Montgomery County



**Proposed Improvement:** New Road Construction  
– Crawfordsville Bypass

**Purpose and Need:** Capacity and Safety

**Priority:** Low

**Schedule:** Long-term: This project is not recommended for a specific schedule, merely a Programming Placeholder. Development within and near Crawfordsville could drive the need for this project sooner than expected. Level of Service within Crawfordsville should be monitored, probably every five years to determine when and if a Crawfordsville Bypass would be required.

**Estimated Traffic (2025):**

1 mi S of SR 32 to US 136 - 11,000 vpd  
US 136 to I-74 - 14,000 vpd

**Preliminary Cost:** \$75,000,000 - \$85,000,000

**Alternative(s):** Current traffic projections along existing US 231 are expected to have an acceptable Level of Service through 2025, assuming the near and medium term improvements in Crawfordsville are implemented. Higher than anticipated traffic growth could occur, which would increase the projected traffic volumes and decrease the Level of Service. The traffic volumes and associated Level of Service should be monitored.

Bypasses alternatives for Crawfordsville have been identified. Bypass locations both east and west of Crawfordsville should be considered if Level of Service through Crawfordsville is anticipated to reach an unacceptable level. Within this study neither the east or west bypass options scored well. The Origin-Destination Study showed that there is a large amount of traffic generation on both sides of Crawfordsville. A detailed analysis of conditions should be completed in the future to determine which bypass alternative maximizes traffic and minimizes environmental and social impacts.